

# The General Rules of Discipline of Students with Disabilities and their Practical Application

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### About the Presenter

Julie J. Weatherly, Esq. is the owner of Resolutions in Special Education, Inc., a special education law and consulting firm in Alabama. Julie is a member of the State Bars of Alabama and Georgia and for thirty-eight years continues to provide consultation and legal representation to school agencies across the country in the area of educating students with disabilities. She is also a member of the faculty for many national and state legal Institutes and is a frequent speaker at special education Law Conferences. Julie has developed a number of professional development and training programs (in-person and virtual) that support special education legal compliance and has been published nationally as a part of her trainings, workshops, and seminars. In June of 1996, Julie appeared on CBS news program "60 Minutes" to discuss the cost of meeting the legal requirements of IDEA. In 1998, she was honored by Georgia's CEC as the Individual who had Contributed Most to Students with Disabilities, and in April 2012, Julie received the Award for Outstanding Service from the Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE). Julie devotes a good bit of her time consulting and providing professional development sessions for CASE and other state and local school agencies and associations.

### Training Descriptions

**Target Audience:** District, School, and Program Administrators, Teachers, Parents

Certainly one of the most challenging issues that educators face in the area of special education law is discipline. The laws and rules are complex and, in some instances, seem to be unworkable and unrealistic in light of the significant increase in mental health issues and dangerous behaviors seen in schools. In this session, we will first define and address the "General Rules of Discipline for students with disabilities, specifically the use of suspension, expulsion, and other disciplinary removals under federal law, primarily IDEA and Section 504. Once a foundational understanding of the General Rules is in place, we will then turn to the practical application of these Rules based upon frequently asked questions and common scenarios that arise.

### Training Objectives

- To update educators on the most-litigated issues in the area of discipline of students with disabilities
- To provide suggestions for avoiding special education legal disputes in the area of discipline under IDEA and Section 504
- To increase awareness as to how courts/agencies are ruling in discipline

#### Date:

April 16, 2025  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

#### Location:

The Schultz Center  
4019 Boulevard Center Drive  
Jacksonville, FL 32207

#### Registration Deadline:

April 11, 2025

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